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624th MEETING ** OLDE TOWNE WEST ** 7432 MADISON STREET ** FOREST PARK

DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

Being the Christmas meeting, the business session was cut to the more or less essentials. The nominating committee headed by Harry Boosel reported its slate of officers for 1971, as follows: Lee F. Hewitt, president; James R. Budd, first vice president; William Pettit, 2nd vice president; and James Babka, Louis Nagy, Charles Ryant, Jr. and Glenn Smedley, governors. There being no further nominations, a motion was made and passed that the secretary cast a ballot for the election of these members to the designated offices. *** The death of Charles K. Lindall shortly after the November meeting was observed with a brief silent tribute. *** Exhibits were by well-known members Ed Becker, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue and William Pettit. *** The meeting ended with social imbibing - coffee, tea and cookies, that is - and a "grab-bag" exchange of presents.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to heavy booking of space at the Congress Hotel in early February, our meeting MAY have to be postponed one week. Be sure to watch for the February meeting date in the next CHATTER.

JANUARY 13 DINNER MEETING

Now comes the big meeting of the year and we have a feature which, I believe, will make this the outstanding one of recent years. Whatever good reputation I have is "put on the line" in vouching for the excellence of the entertainment that has been arranged.

As stated in the December CHATTER, a new location for this meeting had to be found because our old standby, Harding's on Wabash, is closed. For a private and nice spot, with excellent food at reasonable prices, Olde Towne West, 7432 Madison St., in Forest Park, was chosen. Come at 7:00 p.m. for Dutch treat cocktails followed on hour later by a steak dinner. Reservations must be made BEFORE noon on Monday (11th) with Chairman Stanley Kruswicki, 8213 Commercial Avenue, Chicago, Il. 60617. Phone him on Re 4-7376.

Our meeting will be held upstairs, the entrance being to the right just inside the front door. DO NOT go through the swinging (bar-type) doors but up the stairs to the right. It is a very nice place with beautiful furnishings and a "gay-nineties" atmosphere.

The program will consist of the installation of new officers and the presentation of annual awards (Medal of Merit, Literary Award, etc.). THEN, we will hear from coin collector Patricia Ferko of Cleveland who will NOT talk about numismatics. Drawing upon her Russian and Slavic heritage, she has adopted the name "Petruska" in her highly specialized art work.

Petruska, a charming lady, works in the media of jeweled eggs, panoramics and collage art on velvet. The "Egg Lady" will show us examples of her art work (her eggs are "a thousand dollars a dozen," some single ones even more) and explain how she treats an egg shell so that it COULD be bounced on the pavement, and then decorates it with pearls and other precious jewels.

It is more generous of Petruska to come to our meeting for travel expenses only, sans her usual fee. There should be a good turnout for her; besides, you may never have another chance to see this professional artist whose works are treasures of notable families and in museums.

Make your reservations now and be at 7432 W. Madison Street at 7 p.m. January 13. Enjoy good fellowship with your friends, meet a talented and delightful lady artist and partake of a fine steak dinner. SUPPORT YOUR COIN CLUB.

PERSONAL NOTES AND NEWS

Secretary Baker received a nice letter from M. H. Bolender with the 1971 dues payment, and a notice of his new address. The Bolenders have moved to a retirement home and their address is now 325 Kempton St., Spring Valley, Ca. 92077. His letter indicated that they are much pleased with the new home. Best Wishes, Mr. & Mrs. MHB.

The December 30 issue of COIN WORLD has a most interesting article about member Ed Becker. It is entitled "Becker Uses Experiences Of Life To Aid In Work", and mentions several of those experiences and some of his medallic works. We urge you to keep the good work going, Ed, and to attend meetings as often as you can.

Coming birthdays: Clifford Lindall, 21st, 106 Westchester Ct., Chesterton, Ind. 46304; Elston Bradfield, 28th, 3079 Greenwood Ave., Highland Park, Il. 60035; and Evelyn Hausske, Feb. 4, 7021 N. Medford Ave., Chicago 60646.

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625th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

The February Meeting Will be Held ONE WEEK LATE, on Wednesday, February 17

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

The too few members and guests who attended the January 13 dinner meeting were well rewarded with the finest entertainment we've had in many a year. Olde Towne West in Forest Park served a steak dinner which, as usual, pleased some more than others. The Club's highest award, The Medal of Merit, went to Chester Poderski as a long-time faithful worker of the Club. The annual Richard Cabeen Award for exhibits during the year was won by last year's recipients: silver to Wm. Pettit and bronze to Gerda Birkholz. To William Pettit went the annual Literary Award for his paper on the coinage of the lost State of Franklin. Awards for presenting programs were made, most of them going to nonmembers who had been guest speakers. ** Newly elected officers were installed, namely: President Lee F. Hewitt, 1st Vice President James R. Budd, 2nd Vice President William Pettit, and Governors James Babka, Louis Nagy, Charles Ryant, Jr. and Glenn Smedley. ** The best was saved to last! Talented artist Petruska of Cleveland was on hand to show us samples of her jeweled eggs, panoramics and collage art on velvet for which she's widely known. Emulating the great Faberge who created the wonderous Easter eggs for czars and czarinas of old Russia, Petruska's works are now collected by many notable families here and abroad. Each one evidences a rich combination of creativity, symbolism, design mathematics and techniques. Among many factors, her techniques including gold leafing plus an adherent and lacquer of her own (secret) manufacture; all resulting in durable and fabulous art objects which will endure for generations. She demonstrated just how durable the eggs are by dropping one over the table onto the floor - it didn't break. Anyone may contact Miss Patricia Ferko at 10402 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44104. Her art works are available at from $25 up, with almost no limit to the "up". By the way, Patricia is an active member of the Western Reserve Numis. Club and of A.N.A., no. 54331. ** With only 55 total attendance, I repeat the suggestion that our annual dinner meeting be changed next year to avoid the winter weather. What do YOU think about this?

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President Hewitt has arranged for Harry Boosel and Leonard Stark to discuss the coming government sale of CC silver dollars at the February 17 meeting. Those present will be expected to "chime in" if they wish. The photos of the January dinner meeting will be shown so that members may order any prints desired. There will be door prizes and maybe a very short auction. Do Come!

PERSONAL NEWS & CHITCHAT

Congratulations to CCC member Aubrey Bebee upon being appointed by President Nixon to the 1971 Assay Commission, meeting February 10 at the Philadelphia Mint. No one from Illinois.

Secretary Marjorie Baker expresses her real appreciation to the many who paid their dues promptly. This helped her by eliminating second notices, saved the cost thereof and, furthermore gave our bank account a needed boost.

The shortest month reveals only one birthday on my record: Adeline Bebee on the 22nd, Jean Bradfield missed by only three days, having her b'day on March 3. Send cards to the ladies!

Elston Bradfield was hospitalized for several weeks in January due to a minor setback but, as this is written, expects to be at home in a few days. A remembrance card would cheer him: 3079 Greenwood ave., Highland Park, Il. 60035.

"Warm-weather" friends M. H. Bolender and H. R. Klein try to arouse our envy with temperature reports from California and Florida. Well, as I write this, the sun is shining brightly here, the thermometer is up to 10 above zero and most of the old snow is gone, so I don't see what is so bad about our northern weather!

Just received reports of two more hospitalized members: Sidney Bick (heart condition), at 8404 Lawndale, Skokie, Il. 60076, and Gus Lind (broken hip), Eureka Springs, Ark. 72632. Hope you are both much improved now and that we will hear better news from you soon.

Earl Barger sends best wishes to all members from The Schmitt Methodist Home, Richland Center, Wis. 53581. It's good to hear from Earl!

Committees

1971 Chicago Coin Club Committees (First Named is Chairman)

Attendance:	William Pettit, Marty Greene, Louis Nagy, Benjamin Odesser, Chester Poderski, John G. Ross, Bruno Rzepka and Leonard Stark.
Auction:	August Hausske, A. R. Birkholz and Thomas F. Shugrue.
Banquet:	Walter Nemecek, E. R. Becker and Charles J. Ryant, Jr.
Editor:	Glenn B. Smedley
Exhibits:	William Hoppe and Stanley Kruswicki
Finance & Auditing:	Jules Marshfield, Noble E. Olson and Charles Ricard.
Ladies Activities:	Gerda Birkholz
Medal of Merit:	Glenn B. Smedley, Gerda Birkholz and Harry X Boosel.
Membership & Grievance:	Harry X Boosel, Arthur Allen, Nathan Eglit and Clifford Lindall.
Parlimentarian:	Harry X Boosel
Program and Papers:	Gary Krug, Harry Flower, Dennis Forgue and David Schecter.
Publication:	Herbert Shaner, Gerda Birkholz, James Grebinger and Glenn B. Smedley
Registration:	Thomas Nolan and Louis A. Bergman
Sergeant-At-Arms:	James J. Babka

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VOL. 23 No. 3 626th MEETING March 10, 1971

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626th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

Your editor missed the February 17 meeting but hears that it moved along nicely with many of those present taking part. Harry Boosel and Leonard Stark spoke on the controversial topic of the silver dollars held by the U. S. Treasury. Boosel recounted the history of these coins from the turn of the century until about 1962. They were available to banks but there was very little demand for them and so the stock built up until minting was discontinued after 1935. Stark started with the big rush on the Treasury which resulted in freezing of the dwindling supply in 1964. He reviewed some of the plans proposed for using or disposing of these coins, which is still a controversy because no plan has been decided upon. *** Door prizes were won by Ed Becker, Allen Feinberg and Jay Fiorenza. *** The Club is pleased to receive the application of Allen Feinberg for membership. *** President Lee Hewitt offered six nice lots at auction and expects to continue this practice at most meetings. *** Exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, James Doak, Gary Krug and Chester Poderski. *** Those present voted to have the Club nominate Harry X Boosel, Glenn B. Smedley and Jake B. Sureck for governors of A.N.A. in the coming election. Other nominations may be proposed by any member at the March meeting (Nominations close on April 15). *** Photos taken at the January dinner meeting were shown and orders taken for copies. For those who missed the meeting, they will be shown again. *** Petruska, who made such a big hit with her talk and demonstration of her jeweled egg art at the January meeting, sent a nice letter which was read by Secretary Baker. Our welcome mat will always be out for you, Petruska!

ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP

President Hewitt is concerned about the declining attendance at our meetings and wants the help of all members in building it up. He plans to have guest invitation cards enclosed with this CHATTER and urges us to use them to recruit new members.

CHITCHAT

Members with March birthdays include Jean Bradfield, 3rd: Bruno Rzepka, 7th; and Helen Brown, 8th.

While in Colorado Springs for the A.N.A. February 15-17 board meeting, I attended the meeting of the C.S. Numismatic Society which is held in the basement of the local police station. Would you call that a "guarded meeting"? Al Overton gave a most interesting talk about his experience on the 1971 Assay Commission.

Among the 38 entries in the A.N.A. club publications contest to pick the outstanding one of 1970 is one called THE CHATTER by the Gold Coast Coin Club of Miami Beach, Fla. Ours could not be entered because the editor is an elected office of A.N.A.

A couple of reminders; The Central States convention will be held at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis May 14-16. The Hotel is at 212 N. Kingshighway Blvd. (63108) and rooms are $16 to $30 for singles and $22 to $38 for two. The A.N.A. convention this year will be in Washington, D. C., at the Washington-Hilton Hotel. All rooms will be at the same rate so early reservations are important. Write to Chairman Herbert W. Price, P. O. Box 9814, Washington, D. C. 20015 for further information.

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VOL. 23 No. 4 627th MEETING April 14, 1971

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627th MEETING ** LINCOLN ROOM ** 3rd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

MARCH MEETING REPORT

Although lacking a formal program at the March 10 meeting, the business part seemed to have held considerable interest for the members who attended.

Glenn B. Smedley reported that the Board of the ANA had awarded the 1974 Convention to Miami. As some members know, the ANA had awarded the '74 convention to Chicago conditional upon successful conclusion of arrangements.

Since the ANA Executive Director had not been able to make progress with the Conrad Hilton Hotel the action of the Board was taken.

Some members felt that there were other hotels in the area where facilities would be adequate. Others felt that the Club should have been appraised of the situation prior to the action of the Board.

The Club voted unanimously to protest the action and lack of proper notification of the Board's action to the Club. *** Another small auction of seven lots was held. The Club's thanks go to August Hausske for his donation to the auction.

President Hewitt plans to continue these small auctions at regular meetings. Watch for the next issue of the CHATTER. It will report auction lots that should be of interest to many of our members. *** Interesting exhibits were set up by Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Glenn Smedley, Art Allen, William Holm and Dr. Allen Feinberg.

Included in one of the exhibits were ferrotypes which tied in with the exhibit and told of another hobby interest of the member. Perhaps we should have a "Second Hobby Night" for members to show some of their other interest. *** The last two meetings have seen attendance by members who have been missing for some time. It is always pleasant to see our old friends again. *** Guest invitation cards were included with last month's CHATTER urging members to use these to help recruit new members.

The results at the March meeting left much to be desired. Our meeting attendance has dropped the last couple of years. Some of our very active members have moved from the Chicago area and some have passed on.

For a really vital Chicago Coin Club, we must attract new members. It is up to each member to promote the interests of the Club.

CHITCHAT

By now if you have read the preceding column carefully, you will note that this issue of the CHATTER does not have the same sparkle that you have grown accustomed to, you can blame that and errors and omissions on your 1st VP who is trying to fill in with the able help of Jim Grebinger for our ailing competent Editor.

Glenn is at the time of this writing, in the hospital having undergone major surgery. It is reported that he is on the road to recovery. It has been requested that there should not be communication at the hospital.

Members who wish to cheer up Glenn should forward cards and letters to his home.

Among our members with April birthdays are C. Sam Carlson, 22nd (and reported to be his 73rd) and Judy (Sabel) Lessner, 21st.

You might be interested in the accomplishments of one of our loyal members who now resides in the Washington, D. C. area. In the March-April issue of the Rehabilitation Record published by the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of HEW is an article "Sheltered Workshop Programs in The Netherlands" by Michael M. Dolnick.

Mike spent three weeks in Holland and three weeks in England at work and twleve days in Italy accompanied by his wife Sylvia. The writing was of the quality that we were familiar with in his numismatic writings. The sentence that struck me the most was, "There is also a strong commitment to the idea that any form of employment is better than receiving benefit payments without working". Is it possible that the Dutch are more advanced than this country?

Some important dates: National Coin Week-Numismatics, The Hobby of All Ages, April 18-24. Central States Numismatic Society annual convention, May 14-16, St. Louis Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. ANA annual convention August 10-14, Washington-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

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VOL. 23 No. 5 628th MEETING May 12, 1971

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628th MEETING ** OXFORD ROOM ** 1st FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

APRIL MEETING NOTES

According to reports, there was not much new business discussion at the April 14th meeting. President Hewitt read a letter from Max Schwartz asking the Club to reconsider its decision not to take part in the P.N.G. show this year. Members still seem to be disinterested so, lacking member willingness to work on the project, there is no point in undertaking it. Harry Boosel's suggestion that the Club conduct its own show drew considerably more interest but it was felt that there was not enough time left to plan and stage such an event this year. *** William Pettit announced that members Benjamin Dreiske and Kurt Eckstein are leaving the firm of Rarcoa to open a new business in Pompano Beach, Florida. We wish them success, of course, but at the same time we are sorry to see another long-time Chicago dealer leaving the City. "Ben's" has been a prominent and respected name in Chicago numismatics for a long time. (Ben became member No. 5474 of the A.N.A. in August, 1936, being sponsored by C. Sam Carlson and Harry T. Wilson, at that time general secretary of A.N.A.) *** Exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, Harry X Boosel, Harry Flower and Gary Krug. *** A short auction was followed by refreshments and visiting.

CHITCHAT

Dr. Alan R. Feinberg was welcomed to membership at the April meeting and the applications of Jacob Hoogeveen of Hammond and Samuel Powell of Chicago were presented. We hope they will attend meetings regularly.

William Pettit will be a speaker on the educational forum of the Central States convention in St. Louis, May 14-16 at the Chase Park-Plaza Hotel. Your editor will moderate the forum to be held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

I, your editor, express my appreciation to Vice President James Budd and James Grebinger for getting out the April CHATTER while I was in the hospital. They did a fine job - would you fellows like to take the job over? And I sure thank the many members who sent cards and made inquiries about me, and assure them that I am on the road to complete recovery from surgery.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

An article in the financial section of the Chicago Daily News was headlined "The Art-for-Investment Boom Loses its Luster". It named 4 companies, three of them launched a couple of years ago, that specialized in selling so-called art paintings as investments. Their stocks sold then at an average for the four of about $9 per share whereas now they are down to $2.55. The biggest loser of the four was a Chicago-based "art gallery" whose stock sold at over $9 per share after a securities-research group gave it a favorable review in June 1969. Today you can buy it at about 13 cents a share.

The operation is different but the principle is the same as much of the coin business of ten years ago. Of course good paintings and good coins are good investments, but this does not apply to the mass-produced items in either field. If it did, you might as well produce and sell fancy dog collars.

It's still good advice to "collect art for art's sake", whether it be paintings, etchings, coins or whatnot.

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Vol. 23 No. 6 629th MEETING June 9, 1971

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629th MEETING ** PLAZA ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

MAY MEETING NOTES

This was one of the most disappointing meetings of the Club that I have ever attended. The attendance was only 18, including a couple who left early. As usual, there was a discussion of "what's wrong and what can be done", with no very promising ideas coming from it. *** There being no special program, President Hewitt explained a quite simple method of making plaster casts of coins and medals. An impression of the piece is made in tin (not aluminum) foil and then the plaster of paris, mixed with water, is poured into the foil impression. After it dries, the cast can be removed easily. Lee showed a number of such casts he had made some years ago and they were quite good. *** Exhibitors were Arthur Allen, Harry Boosel and Glenn Smedley. In connection with his exhibit, Allen related a recent experience he had in trying to get some pieces of the money of Uganda out of that country. After some trouble in getting nice specimens, he was told upon leaving that Uganda money cannot be taken out of the country. No amount of explaining his purpose (numismatic) could persuade the local authorities to let him keep it.

DUES ARE PAST DUE

Added to the Club's problem of attendance is the fact that more than a few members have not paid their dues for 1971. The officers will do what seems best (and possible) about improving attendance but only YOU can take care of your payment of dues. If there is a marker by the heading of this item, your dues are not recorded as paid. PLEASE take care of this at once. To save postage and printing costs, those who do not pay promptly will be dropped from the mailing list. Dues are: Regular, $5.00; Associate, $1.00 Non-resident and Junior, $1.50. We don't want to lose YOU.

UNCLASSIFIED

For the record, the 1970 financial statement is included with this mailing.

The Central States convention in St. Louis, May 14-16 was quite good and well attended. I did not make a list of Club members present but there were quite a few. The auction conducted by Rarcoa saw some new records set for prices, especially in large cents.

The Birkholzs have returned from a drive to and from Florida with a nine-day cruise of the Caribbean Sea included. They report visiting the completed Stone Mountain Memorial also.

The only member's birthday in June which I have recorded is that of A. R. Birkholz, 8th.

Watch next month for the date of the August meeting that will be rescheduled to avoid conflict with the A.N.A. convention August 10-14.

Arthur Allen will present a program at the June 9 meeting on his recent trip to Africa. He will show slides of animals photographed in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Art suggests that members bring exhibits of animals shown on coins, medals and paper money.

A.N.A. convention badges to be auctioned are: 1938, Columbus; 1941, Philadelphia 1942, Cincinnati; 1947, Buffalo; 1950, Milwaukee; 1954, Cleveland; 1955, Omaha; 1956, Chicago; and 1957, Philadelphia. Members out of the area who are interested may send bids to Secretary Marjorie Baker.

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Vol. 23 No. 7 630th MEETING July 14, 1971

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630th MEETING ** BELMONT ROOM ** 2nd FLOOR SOUTH ** PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

JUNE MEETING NOTES

It is a pleasure to report two facts about the June meeting - attendance was better than at most recent meetings, and the program presented by Art Allen was most interesting. Art showed slides that he made on a recent trip to Africa, most of them being of wild animals, birds and plants in their natural habitat. To say that he is an excellent photographer is an understatement and his brief but interesting commentary made the showing a pleasure to all present. ** President Hewitt discussed the idea of holding some meetings out of the loop area to determine if this will stimulate attendance (see notice of August meeting). He announced that our meetings in the Congress Hotel hereafter will be held in the Belmont Room at a rental saving of $10 per meeting. ** Exhibitors were Arthur Allen, Marjorie Baker, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, Lee Hewitt, Gary Krug, Ben Odesser and Glenn Smedley.

AUGUST MEETING - DINNER - 18th

As mentioned in the June CHATTER, the regular date of the August meeting falls in the week of the A.N.A. convention, 10th-14th. Since many of the members who attend meetings will be in Washington, the August C.C.C. meeting will be held one week late, on Wednesday 18th.

As an experiment, President Hewitt has arranged for a dinner meeting at the Wishing Well, 3836 North Elston Avenue. Dinner time will be 6:30. The price will be right - no charge to paid-up members, $2.50 to their guests. There's one condition - everyone MUST make a reservation in advance, for which purpose a card will be enclosed with the August CHATTER. So, be prepared, mail your card promptly if you will attend.

THIS-N-THAT

We were pleased to see two members, who have long been absent, at the June meeting: Art Rutz and Ben Odesser. We hope you fellows will come back soon and often.

Secretary Baker gives us this final warning: This is the last CHATTER for all whose dues are in arrears as of the next meeting.

The Harold Kleins deserted sunny Florida long enough to visit their daughters and old friends and neighbors around Hinsdale the latter part of June. Sorry their visit was between meetings.

Members' birthdays in July include Aubrey Bebee, 9th; Dennis Forgue, 10th; and Ralph Goldstone, who shares the 13th with your editor.

A.N.A. CONVENTION NOTES

According to the June issue of THE NUMISMATIST the Washington Hilton Hotel will not accept room reservations at convention rates ($26 for single and $34 for twins) after July 18. The housing chairman of the A.N.A. convention committee is Talton Jack Jones, P. O. Box 406, Arlington, Va. 22210. Convention dates are August 10-14.

Announced as a "first" at any A.N.A. convention is a branch post office to be established in the hotel where special convention postmarks will be used on mailings and commemorative stamps will be available.

The year's bourse will be larger than in any recent year, nearly 150 tables having been sold.

The July 14 meeting will be "How I Got My Start in Coin Collecting" evening. Many collectors have a story about what cuased them to start collecting coins, and you are asked to share yours with others at this meeting.

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VOL. 23 No. 8 631 st MEETING August 18, 1971

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631st MEETING *** WISHING WELL RESTAURANT ** 3836 ELSTON AVENUE ** 6:30 p.m.

JULY MEETING NOTES

The thirty members and guests at the July 14 meeting were treated with some "audience participation" when several told us of their early experiences as collectors. I recall (no notes) talks by Gerda Birkholz, Jim Doak, Noble Olson, Bill Pettit and your editor. As you would expect, there was no pattern or similarity in the experiences related which, perhaps, made each one more interesting. *** A letter from Howard Eisenberg (now in Madison, Wisc.) suggested that someone closer to the Club be appointed representative to ANA. President Hewitt designated James R. Budd. *** Exhibits were by Gerda Birkholz, Gary Krug and Glenn Smedley.

AUGUST (3rd WEDNESDAY) MEETING

As announced last month, the August meeting will be held one week late to avoid a conflict with the August 10th-14th A.N.A. convention in Washington, D. C. And it will be a dinner meeting at the Wishing Well, 3836 Elston Avenue.

Those who'll attend must make a reservation for which a card is enclosed. Be sure it gets to Secretary Marjorie Baker by August 12 so the restaurant can be notified how many to expect.

The Wishing Well is located in Chicago, at approximately 3500 west and 3850 north, on Elston Avenue at St. Louis Street a block and a half south of Irving Park Rd. Those who travel by public transportation may use CTA bus route 41 (Elston-Clybourn) which operates between Chicago-Ave.-State St. and Elston Ave.-Milwaukee Ave.

Meals will be gratis to members; $2.50 each to their guests. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., after which a brief meeting will be held and Gary Krug will make a talk on war medals.

NEWS & UN-NEWS

Members having August birthdays include R. S. Yeoman, 15th; Harry Boosel, 17th; and, early in September, Gerda Birkholz, 6th.

We just received the sad news that Halloween Kurtzeborn, member 515, died on August 29. She was formerly a radio personality and, with her husband LeRoy, was very active in the Club some years ago. We offer our condolences to LeRoy.

All collectors are aware, of course, that the Eisenhower dollar is the first U. S. metallic dollar issued since the last Peace dollar in 1935. Thus there were thirty-five years during which no metallic dollars were struck. If we assume that no 1804 dollars were struck in that year for circulation, there was a lapse of 36 years prior to the resumption of striking dollars for circulation in 1840.

Just how many years of the Eisenhower dollar will be struck isn't certain but I'll gamble on one thing; it'll be the last silver dollar the U. S. will ever issue. "Ever" is a long time, I realize, and most of us won't be around to prove or disprove my prognosis; so I'm safe.

There is an article in the September issue of Coins magazine on the 1918 Illinois half dollar, which points out some interesting facts on this 3rd coin in the commemorative half dollar series. It states: (John R.) "Sinnock adopted a militant looking eagle perched on a shield with a rising sun in the background" for the coin's reverse. The author gives no indication that this design is actually a rendition of the Illinois State Seal, although this is mentioned in the Red Book.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Two dozen, exactly, members and guests showed up for the September 8 meeting. Maybe some did overlook it since the CHATTER was late, partly due to a holiday the 6th. Even so, fewer than half of those who attended the August dinner meeting came to this very next meeting. *** President Hewitt had photos of a 1932 exhibit in which several CCC members took part. Louis Werner gave the photos to Lee at the ANA convention for the Club's archives. Thanks, Lou, for remembering us. *** Exhibitors were Gerda Birkholz, B. Odesser, G. Smedley and P. Spadoni. (Welcome back from Italy, Peter) *** Ben Odesser spoke enthusiastically about collecting tokens, using an exhibit of different types from his collection to illustrate the different kinds there are. Many were surprised at the number of groups which have been formed of specialized collectors of tokens, and of publications that are available to them. Odesser opined that transportation tokens collectors is the biggest specialized group, and a very active one.

MOSTLY ABOUT MEMBERS

One way to find out about your mistakes and oversights is to open your mouth - literally or on paper. I did the latter in the last CHATTER and now realize that names of two persons were omitted in reference to ANA activities. James W. Plath won the second award for published articles by juniors during the past year. While not a Club member, we should recognize the activities of Wm. S. Nawrocki, a student at DePaul University. He placed second in competition for the Debbie Jane Gould Memorial Award and is serving as an active associate editor of THE YOUNG NUMISMATIST, quarterly publication by and for ANA junior members.

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Andrew Oberbillig, whose outstanding collection of New Zealand coins and medals is widely known, won best-of-show and a first place at the Piqua (Ohio) Coin Club show recently with an exhibit of Captain Cook items. Over the past five years or so he has won many well-deserved awards but says now he plans to develop an entirely different exhibit. Congratulations, Andrew. (Why not exhibit at Club meetings?)

Do we have October birthdays! Included are Marcella and Vernon Sheldon, 14th & 20th; Harry Flower, 16th; Margo Russell, 17th; J. Grebinger, 21st; L. S. Werner, 22nd; Marjorie Baker, 26th; and, early in November, August Hausske, 6th.

I attended the Oak Park CC September meeting and heard a fine talk on coins of Panama by Sal Genualdi. Saw several CCC members who haven't been seen recently at our meetings, including Fred Catalano, Harry Flower, Irving Harris, Paul Igelman and Walter Nemecek. Another longtime-no-see member is past prexy James Babka. We miss you fellows, and some others, too.

Always an outstanding event, the Aurora CC annual show will be held November 13 in the Masonic Temple, 104 S. Lincoln Avenue.

The PNG show opens in Chicago-Sheraton Hotel the day after our meeting so Pres. Hewitt invited several of the dealers to attend our meeting and give informal talks. Coming from prominent dealers in various other areas, these talks should be interesting and informative. There'll be an exhibit of bizarre near-numismatic items.

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VOL. 23 No. 11 634th MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 1971

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634th MEETING BELMONT ROOM 2nd FLOOR SOUTH-PICK CONGRESS HOTEL

OCTOBER MEETING NOTES

Special guests at the October 13 meeting were Mr. & Mrs. Earl Moore, she being better known to numismatists as Catherine Bullowa. They operate the Philadelphia coin business known as COINHUNTER and were in Chicago for the PNG fall show. ** Several members who seldom attend meetings were among the 35 present and, although I failed to take note of names, we were pleased to see them. ** Exhibitors included Harry 1873 Boosel, Gerda Birkholz, Gary Krug and Glenn Smedley. ** President Hewitt called on several members for impromptu remarks with the result that we heard some very interesting numismatic experiences and anecdotes. These offhand talks seem to be popular and lead me, for one, to believe that many members can do better than they think at giving talks. ** Lee named a committee of three with Harry Boosel as chairman, to nominate a slate of officers for 1972.

P.N.G. OCTOBER 14-17 SHOW

This event, held at the Chicago-Sheraton Hotel, did not draw the attendance it should have considering that over thirty nationally known dealers were present. In your editor's opinion, the reasons were: lack of general local publicity, poor location (off the beaten path - the loop), and lack of attractions (no exhibits, no program or other features). Coincidence with the world series games didn't help, either. I heard, off-the-record, that thoughts are being given to a show here next year and trust it will be better planned and more successful.

NEARBY CLUB SHOWS

The Oak Park Coin Club's 14th annual West Suburban Exhibit will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7, in the Fox Recreation Bldg. at Jackson Blvd. and Oak Park Ave., in Oak Park.

The Masonic Temple at 104 S. Lincoln Ave. in Aurora will be the location of the November 14 show of the Aurora Coin Club. Members of C.C.C. will be involved prominently in both of these annual events which you are urged to attend.

The Michigan State Numis. Society's 16th annual fall convention will be held Nov. 26-28 at Detroit Hilton Hotel in downtown Detroit. It is billed as a full-scale convention.

MOSTLY ABOUT MEMBERS

Andrew Oberbillig, a top winnter of show awards, had two exhibits at the October 23-24 Old Fort (Fort Wayne) C. C. show and won awards with both. His New Zealand coins placed first in foreign coins and his Capt. Cook medals won the best-of-show. Andy promises to show the beautiful awards and some of his Cook medals at a meeting soon.

The only November b'day in my records is that of August Hausske, the 6th.

M. A. Powills admonished me at the PNG show for missing his birthday - said it had been reported before. Not so, Mike, it was your 41st wedding anniversary on October 20, 1969, that was noted. Still don't know the date of your birth!

The Western Reserve Numismatic Club, Cleveland joined the ranks of half-century clubs upon celebrating its 50th anniversary on October 15.

Gerda Birkholz will give a talk at the November 10 meeting on the Society of the Cincinnati, one of the oldest and most exclusive organizations in the country. Membership is hereditary and it predates the City of Cincinnati. What? Who? Why? When?

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635th MEETING *** WISHING WELL RESTAURANT ** 3836 ELSTON AVENUE ** 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER MEETING NOTES

With attendance about as usual (31), this meeting seemed to be a bit more spirited than some recent ones. For one thing, there were 7 exhibitors: Arthur Allen, Gerda Birkholz, Harry Boosel, James Doak, Alan Feinberg, William Holm and Glenn Smedley. Comments about the exhibits were interesting and evoked some discussions. ** New member Allen V. Mack of Flossmoor was welcomed and applications were read from William M. Gould and David Silberman, Jr., both of Chicago. ** Chairman Harry Boosel of the nominating committee made his report which is recorded herein under its own heading. ** President Hewitt surprised us with an invitation to dinner at the December meeting. Since he is not up for re-election and can't be accused of trying to buy votes, we just have to thank him for his munificence. ** Governor Smedley was authorized to negotiate with the Pick Congress Hotel for renewal of our meeting arrangements through 1972. ** Gerda Birkholz read a most interesting and informative paper on the history and achievements of the Society of the Cincinnati. The officers of the Continental Army organized the Society at their last encampment, May 13, 1783, as a patriotic and memorial organization. Membership was declared to be hereditary and George Washington was elected president. Still functioning, the Society has rendered help to members and their families in need and has many accomplishments, mostly related to the military, to its credit. Gerda exhibited one of the few medals issued in connection with the Society.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1972 OFFICERS

The following slate of officers for 1972 was presented at the November meeting by the duly appointed nominating committee: for president, James R. Budd; for first vice president, William Pettit; for second vice president, Charles Ryant Jr.; for governors, Arthur C. Allen, Louis Nagy and Glenn Smedley. Outgoing President Hewitt becomes a member of the board in accordance with the bylaws.

Any five members, in good standing, may, at the December meeting, file in writing with the Secretary, nominations with consent to serve for any of the elective offices.

DECEMBER 8 DINNER MEETING

President Hewitt has invited all members and their spouses to be his guests for dinner at the Wishing Well, 3836 N. Elston Ave. on our regular meeting evening. He has sent invitations to the members in the area but all will be welcomed who attend. Everyone who will be there must notify Lee as soon as possible by telephone (647-8833). You are asked to bring a $2 present for the grab bag, and an exhibit for the meeting. Dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m. - please be on time.

ABOUT MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

William Pettit was a speaker on a two-day program on "Fakes and Authenticity" at Saint Mary's College in Indiana on November 11. The program, sponsored by the departments of art of the College and the University of Notre Dame, featured lectures and discussions of frauds and fakes in various art fields. Pettit's topic was "Coins, Medals, Memorabilia, and Memorable Fraud." We should have a report from Pettit on this educational symposium.

Although not a Club member, Freddie Caserio was known to many of us as the proprietor of Old Towne West in Forest Park, hence it seems proper to note his sudden death on November 3 at the age of 61. Members held various meetings, official and otherwise, in Freddie's restaurant and came to know the renown storyteller and "Honest Pick-Pocket." He was a one-time Golden Glove and an Olympic Middleweight Boxing Champion.

R & R Coins of Blue Island reports a new open bourse the first Sunday monthly, starting Dec. 5, at 14800 Chicago Road, Dolton.

December birthdays include those of Philip J. More, 11th; Joseph Lessner, 18th; and Clyde L. Grimm, 19th.

One more issue will complete my fourth year as editor. Who will volunteer to take over?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL